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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is a response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 2.

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for detecting the presence and uniformity of a lubricious coating on a medical device comprising the steps of:

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- a) preparing a mixture of at least one fluorescing agent and at least one lubricant;
  - b) applying said mixture to the surface of a medical device to form a coating capable of exhibiting fluorescence; and
  - c) subjecting the surface of the medical device to a source of energy capable of inducing a fluorescent emission; and
  - d) observing the fluorescent emission to determine the location, uniformity or both